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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

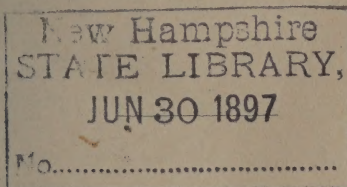
OF THE

TOWN OF BOW,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1873,

TOGETHER WITH THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S  
REPORT.



CONCORD, N. H.

E. C. EASTMAN, PRINTER AND STATIONER.

1873.



## REPORT.

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Amount of taxes assessed for the year 1872..... \$4,454 74

### RECEIPTS.

Received of W. C. Alexander, Collector of Taxes for the year 1871, in full .....	\$533 00.
Received of W. C. Alexander, interest on taxes .....	13 00
Received of City of Concord State Capital Bank tax for 1868.....	37 42
Received of State Treasurer the am't awarded by the Com'rs for the reimbursement of war expenses.....	8,941 67
Received of State Treasurer savings bank tax.....	1,224 45
Received of State Treasurer railroad tax.....	436 90
Received of State Treasurer literary fund.....	72 10
Received of Horace H. Parker, Collector of Taxes for the year 1872 .....	4,197 00
Received of County of Merrimack for support of paupers .....	93 08
Received of James Green for Dudley Colby's stove..	2 88
Received of James Green cash left by Dudley Colby	12
Received of Christie W. Brown for use of Town House for the year 1871 .....	12 00
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	\$15,563 62

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid Enoch Alexander, Treasurer, balance due on settlement.....	\$113 86
John C. Hammond, Town Clerk for 1871.....	18 00
Henry C. Clough for repairing the pound.....	3 00



Paid Funeral expenses of Dudley Colby.. .. .	13 00
B. W. Sanborn, for stationery, &c .....	5 61
James Green, for time spent for Dudley Colby and Selectmen's Board.....	10 67
Notes and interest .....	10,879 92
Hiram Colby, for planks for bridge... .. .	3 00
C. C. Pearsons, for printing reports 1871.. .. .	34 00
Thomas J. Foot, for washing &c., for Hannah Colby.....	6 50
County of Merrimack County Tax.. .. .	1,036 26
Aaron Colby, 2d, for support of Jeremiah Mor- gan and wife .....	71 98
Gilford Upton, special Agent for dist. No. 5....	85 00
Charles C. Morgan, for support of J. Morgan and wife.....	192 48
State tax.....	888 00
H. Thompson, for coffin and robe for H. Colby	13 50
Dr. Horace Gage, for medical services on Dud- ley Colby and others... .. .	23 50
John C. Hammond, for provisions for S. Wilson	15 68
Seriah Morgan and others for labor on highway	59 80
Non-resident tax receipts.....	48 36
Several school districts .....	1,090 17
Funeral expenses of Jeremiah Morgan .....	11 88
Solomon Heath, and others for wood and pro- visions for Samuel Wilson.. .. .	31 28
James R. Harvey, and others nursing and provisions, &c., for Wm. C. Flanders.....	32 10
Frank P. Mace, for paper.....	55
Dr. M. W. Russel, for one visit to Wm. Webber	2 00
Dr. S. L. Simpson, for Medical attendance of Dudley Conrey and Hannah Colby.....	25 25
Clement and Brown, for plank for bridges .....	13 28
J. Frank Hoyt, for provisions for Sam'l Wilson	2 86
William L. Carr, for labor on highway.....	3 00
Sylvester Brown, for services as S. S. Com- mittee.....	43 00
Calvin Clough, sawing wood and watching with Dudley Colby.....	2 00

Paid Horace H Parker, for collecting taxes for the year 1872 .....	50 00
Henry L. Burnham for perambulating town line .....	6 25
John C. Hammond, for cash paid Byron W. Clough and others, expense for Hannah Colby .....	21 59
Philip and Hiram Colby, jr., for furnishing substitutes .....	200 00
R. Walker, abatement of taxes .....	68 00
Thomas J. Foot, for labor on highway .....	45 00
Manley Clough, for wood for Dudley Colby .....	1 87
W. C. Alexander, for abatement of taxes, 1871 .....	6 87
Margaret Morgan for boarding George Williams .....	17 00
Peter R. Walker, abatement of taxes .....	4 73
W. C. Alexander for digging grave for Mrs. Jeremiah Morgan .....	2 00
John C. Hammond, for services as Town Clerk .....	15 00
Enoch Alexander for services as Town Treas'r .....	15 00
John W. Goodhue, for taking affidavit in Wilson's case .....	2 00
Enoch Alexander, for taking affidavit in Williams and Flanders case .....	2 00
Horace H. Parker, for abatement of taxes .....	21 57
Auditors .....	3 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer .....	180 82
Andrew Gault, for postage stamps .....	1 05

1872.	<i>The Town of Bow to</i> ANDREW GAULT,	<i>Dr.</i>
March 23,	To attending jury meeting .....	1 00
April	To five days taking inventory .....	10 00
	To twelve days regulating inventory, making taxes, making surveyor's warrants, making appointments, making return of inventory to State Treasurer, making copy of non-resident tax for Collector, making return of town debt and other items .....	24 00

June	10,	To half day with horse and wagon going to see the Johnson road and other town business .....	1 00
Aug.	19,	To half day with horse and wagon on pauper business .....	1 00
	27,	To half day with horse and wagon going to see the highway in district No. 2.....	1 00
Oct.	4,	To half day with horse and wagon going to see Wm. C. Flanders .....	1 00
	7,	To going to see Wm. C. Flanders and to Suncook .....	1 00
	9,	To going to Concord to see the County Commissioners on pauper business .....	1 00
	17,	To half day on pauper business .....	1 00
Nov.	2,	To going to the town house to regulate check list .....	1 00
	9,	To going to the town house to make notices for perambulating town lines .....	1 00
Dec.	2,	To going to B. A. Noyes to meet the Selectmen of Hookset to make arrangement to perambulate town lines .....	1 00
	16,	To regulating jury box .....	1 00
	17,	To going to Concord to settle with State Treasurer .....	1 00

## 1873.

Jan.	1,	To going to see Samuel Wilson .....	2 00
	4,	To going to Solomon Heaths and others looking up suveyors warrants .....	2 00
	6,	To going to see John C. Hammond and to Concord on pauper business .....	2 00
Feb.	1,	To going to see the road in district No. 2 .....	1 00
	3,	To going to Dunbarton to search the town records .....	2 50
	3,	To 7 1-2 days looking up pauper claims, making out county pauper accounts, and settling with County Commissioners .....	15 00



Feb.	20,	To one day at town house settling town accounts, making check lists and warrant for town meeting .....	2 00
	21,	To going to Concord to see H. K. Rider and J. Y. Mugridge on pauper business .....	2 00
	27,	To going to Samuel Wilson and Solomon Heaths on pauper business .....	2 50
	28,	To one day with Town Treasurer and going to Concord on town business .....	2 00
March	1,	To going to Wm. L. Carr's on town business .....	2 00
		To two days making report .....	4 00

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\$86 00

Received payment.

ANDREW GAULT.

1872.		<i>The Town of Bow to JOHN C. HAMMOND</i>	<i>Dr</i>
March	13,	To Concord after coffin for D. Colby .....	\$2 00
	14,	Making arrangements for funeral .....	1 00
April	1,	Five days taking inventory .....	10 00
		Ten days making taxes, appointments, delivering Surveyor's warrants, making returns &c .....	20 00
		Reading inventory and taxes for Selectmen .....	5 00
	27,	Delivering warrants .....	2 00
May	11,	Making appointment for Committee in district No. 14 .....	1 00
June	21,	After nurse for Hannah Colby .....	2 00
	24,	To Concord after provisions for H. Colby .....	2 00
	26,	Going to Wilsons and Hannah Colby's with necessary articles .....	1 00
July	5,	Going to Concord after coffin for Hannah Colby .....	2 00
Oct.	6	Going to Samuel Wilson's and getting him wood .....	1 00

Oct.	19, Making warrant and check list.....	2 00
	23, Going to Concord after provisions for S. Wilson .....	2 00
Nov.	2, Regulating check list .....	1 00
	9, Making notice of perambulation .....	1 00
	25, Going to Wilson's with provision .....	1 00
Dec.	3, Four days perambulating town line.....	8 00
	7, One day to Concord after provision for Samuel Wilson .....	2 00
	14, Making return of perambulation and reg- ulating juror box .....	2 00
	Going to Dunbarton three times .....	2 00
<i>1873.</i>		
Jan.	27, Going to Andrew Gaults on pauper bus- iness .....	1 00
Feb.	14, One day settling pauper account.....	2 00
	20, One day settling town accounts.....	2 00
March	3, One day settling town accounts and mak- ing reports .....	2 00
	Postage and express on school registers...	70
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		\$77 70

Received payment.

JOHN C. HAMMOND.

<i>1872.</i>	<i>Town of Bow to</i> LEONARD KENDALL,	<i>Dr.</i>
For services as Selectman :		
Mar.	25, Drawing Jurymen .....	\$1 00
Apr.	1, Five days taking inventory .....	10 00
	17, Nine days making taxes and other town business.. ..	18 00
	18, Making arrangement to move Jeremiah Morgan and wife and distributing High- way warrants .....	2 00
	20, Making appointments of officers for the town .....	2 00
	22, Finished making appointments ....	1 00



May	15, Going to Treasurer in regard to Amos Messer's note .....	1 00
June	10, Went over to A. Gault in regard to highway district No. 12 .....	1 00
July	30, Getting the roads repaired in district No. 5 .....	2 0 0
Sept.	10, Drawing payments and town business...	1 00
Oct.	10, Getting road repaired in district No. 2...	1 00
	19, Meeting Selectmen at town house and making warrants and check lists .....	2 00
Nov.	2, 1-2 day regulating checklists .....	1 00
	22, Going to Concord for coffin for Jeremiah Morgan's wife .....	2 00
Dec.	1, Four days perambulating town line .....	8 00
1873	10, Regulating jury box .....	1 00
Jan.	18, Looking after Geo. Williams C. P. ....	2 00
	20, Carrying Geo. Williams to Concord .....	2 00
	Geo. Williams' fare to Boscawen .....	55
Feb,	12, At a Gault's settling county paupers' accounts .....	2 00
	14, At A. Gault's settling town business....	2 00
	17, Going to Concord to settle county paupers' acct's with county commissioners .....	2 00
	20, Settling town business at town house .....	2 00
March	Settling town business and making reports.....	2 00

Received Payment,

LEONARD KENDALL.

OUTSTANDING NOTES AND DEBTS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Date of Note.	Principal.	Am't Due.
1866. July 11, John H. Knott.. .....	\$467 00	\$687 66
1867. June 15, John H. Knott.....	223 00	311 24
1869. June 10, John H. Knott.....	261 00	324 37
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		\$1,323 27

## DEBTS DUE THE TOWN.

Due from Horace H. Parker, Collector for 1872.....	\$257 74
cash in hands of Treasurer.....	180 82
from the County of Merrimack for expense of Wm. C. Flanders.....	45 60
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	\$484 16
Amount of liabilities.....	\$1,323 37
Amount of resources.....	484 16
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Net indebtedness of the town.....	\$839 11

ANDREW GAULT,  
LEONARD KENDALL,  
JOHN C. HAMMOND,

*Selectmen of Bow.*

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Selectmen's and Treasurer's accounts for the year ending March 1, 1873, certify that we have examined said accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HENRY V. CLOUGH,  
JOHN W. GOODHUE,

*Auditors.*



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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Your committee would respectfully submit the following report:

### *District No. 1.*

Both terms were taught by Miss Susie R. Clifford. Miss Clifford had had but a limited experience in teaching when she commenced; yet she succeeded well both in teaching and governing. There was a spirit of rebellion manifested by some of the scholars and shared by the parents, which was detrimental to the welfare of the school. Miss Clifford's scholarship is not sufficient for an advanced school.

### *District No. 2.*

Miss Mary C. Heath, teacher, both terms. Miss Heath is a teacher of experience, and well fitted for her occupation. It is surprising that so much enthusiasm could be created in so small a school. No teacher could have done better.

### *District No. 3.*

One term, by Miss Julia A. Gault. This teacher had superior qualifications, and labored incessantly to benefit those under her charge. As we were not present at the close of the term we cannot speak of the advancement of the school from personal knowledge, but believe with such a teacher it could not be otherwise than excellent.

### *District No. 4.*

Miss Lizzie M. Sawyer had charge of this school during the summer term. She had never taught before, and, in this attempt was unsuccessful. Her examination was not satisfactory; but as that did not occur until the school was in session it was

thought best to let the term go on; however, for some reason, perhaps best known to the Prudential Committee and teacher, the school was brought to an abrupt close.

Winter term by Miss Nellie E. Gault. Miss. Gault was much interested for the welfare of her scholars; and if they had appreciated her kind intentions, the result would have been a profitable term; as it was, good improvement was made by some scholars. In this district are some hard cases that should come under the rigid discipline of a stern male teacher.

#### *District No. 5.*

One term, taught by Miss Narcissa H. Wheeler. This was a small but pleasant school. The teacher strove to do her best and the advancement made in the studies was good. We consider Miss Wheeler is a good teacher for small children, but she is not qualified to take charge of an advanced school.

#### *District No. 6.*

One term by Miss Asenath A. Wheeler. In this school there was a disposition on the part of some of the scholars to pay no attention to the requirements of the teacher; on the other hand, the teacher was wanting in those characteristics which secure the respect of scholars. The result was a disorderly, unprofitable term. Miss Wheeler has not the energy and capacity to teach a good school.

#### *District No. 7.*

One term, taught by Mr. John C. Hammond, an old and well-known teacher. The scholars seemed to realize that their time for attending school was limited and took hold of their work in earnest. The improvement made was excellent.

#### *District No. 8.*

Summer term, by Miss Asenath A. Wheeler, of whom we have before spoken. Winter term, by Miss Mary A. Copp, a recent graduate of the Seminary at Tilton. This was an excellent school in every respect. Miss. Copp had never taught before yet having been so long a student in an excellent school, she



seemed fully to understand the wants of scholars. She has a remarkable faculty of imparting instruction and of securing perfect obedience from those under her care.

*District No. 9.*

The summer term was under the instruction of Miss Sarah A. Ball, a teacher of fine qualifications and large experience.

This was a good school; and the progress made was highly creditable to all concerned. Two fine writing desks were offered as prizes for excellence in scholarship, which were awarded to Misses Lizzie F. Merrill and Lizzie Quimby.

The winter term was taught by Miss L. F. Benson. Although Miss Benson had had no previous experience in teaching, she was quite at home in the school room and had a quiet pleasant school. With experience, she will excel as a teacher.

*District No. 10.*

This district was very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Anna J. Wheeler for the year. In scholarship Miss Wheeler is second to none of our teachers; as an instructor and disciplinarian, she stands among the foremost. Her zeal for the prosperity of the school was seconded by the scholars, who seemed to desire that their school should be, as it was, an excellent one.

*District No. 11.*

Miss Nellie E. Gault, teacher. Here the scholars were very backward, yet the teacher labored earnestly to change things for the better. She was to some degree successful, but her success would have been much greater had she carried a firmer hand.

The winter term was under the care of Mr. Rufus H. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler is a good teacher, but had many difficulties with which to contend. Some of the large scholars seemed to have no higher aspiration than to idle away their time, while others were studious and well behaved. The school room is superlatively poor. We wish all in this district who oppose a new building were obliged to attend school during the next

year, and sit on those hard seats; perhaps in that time they would be willing to do something though it did take a few of their hoarded treasures

*District No 12.*

One term, kept by Miss Thera Wheeler. No words of commendation can too highly express the worth of such a teacher in our schools. In this district are some very fine scholars, among whom was Frank H. Hadley, the best in town.

*District No. 13.*

Both terms were kept by Miss Mary L. Flanders. This was a very orderly school. Perfect sympathy existed between teacher and scholars. The examination at the close of the summer term was the best district school examination, everything considered, that we ever attended. Miss Flanders is a very superior teacher.

*District No. 14.*

Miss Laura A. Clough was the teacher of the summer term. Judging from previous reports, we expected to find the school in a prosperous condition under the charge of Miss Clough; but in this we were sadly mistaken. The predominant features were disorder and confusion; and we think it would be but to utter the sentiments of the district to say that the school was an absolute failure. Children must be of different metal from those in this district, before the method of discipline adopted will secure obedience. Winter term by John C. Hammond. This school was very short and a majority of the scholars backward, consequently we cannot speak of any great advancement in scholarship. The pupils were taught the important lesson, that it is the teacher's place to command, and the scholars to obey. In both schools taught by Mr. Hammond, he has fully sustained his previous reputation.

It will be seen that, with few exceptions, our schools have been good; in fact they have been far better than we would have supposed possible in the ruinous old buildings that we call



school houses. Six years ago my predecessor remarked that "eleven of the fourteen districts need new houses."

We believe they are much poorer now than they were then.

Since that time one building only has been erected; and now ten of the houses are not only wholly unfit for school purposes, but are a standing disgrace to the community. It is a good time now to redistrict the town, as nothing can possibly be lost on the old buildings. One half the present number of districts with commodious houses, would secure much greater educational facilities than we have now.

A multiplicity of text books in the same study is another serious obstacle in the way of improvement in many of our schools. Parents are unwilling to get the books recommended by the committee if they have old ones, and in some instances, have permitted their children to attend school with no books whatever. Teachers should see to this, for if the parents are too poor to get books, there is a way provided by law. In closing we would express the desire that in the future a much greater interest in the cause of education will be taken than has been manifested in the past; and that the day is not far distant when our common schools will be all that can be desired.

SYLVESTER BROWN,

*Superintendent School Committee,*

Bow, March 1, 1873.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Summer, Fall, or Winter.	Names of Teachers.	No. weeks of School.	Wages per month, including Board.	Whole No. Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Tardinesses.	Dismissals.	Not absent one-half day.	No. of visits of Supt.
1	Summer,	Miss Susie R. Clifford,	10	\$20	13	11	155	7	1	2
	Winter,	Miss Susie R. Clifford,	12	22	16	11	148	12	0	2
2	Summer,	Miss Mary C. Heath,	8	25	12	9	9	2	3	2
	Winter,	Miss Mary C. Heath,	9	25	6	5	23	9	2	2
3	Fall,	Miss Julia A. Gault,	12	20	11	9	28	8	0	1
4	Summer,	Miss Lizzie M. Sawyer,	8	16	10		1	0	1	1
	Winter,	Miss Nellie E. Gault,	11	20	8	12	4	0	1	1
5	Fall,	Miss Narcissa H. Wheeler,	11		12	7	14	7	4	2
6	Fall,	Miss Asenath A. Wheeler,	8	20	14	10	32	11	0	1
7	Fall,	Mr. John C. Hammond,	12	26	13	12	14	0	2	2
8	Summer,	Miss Asenath A. Wheeler,								2
	Winter,	Miss Mary A. Copp,								1
9	Summer,	Miss Sarah A. Ball,	7	27	15	11	1	1	8	2
	Winter,	Miss L. F. Benson,	7½	25¾	14	12	5	0	5	1
10	Summer,	Miss Anna J. Wheeler,	9	21	26	20	12	4	0	2
	Winter,	Miss Anna J. Wheeler,	12	23	23	15	36	2	0	2
11	Summer,	Miss Nellie E. Gault,	10		13		6	10	1	2
	Winter,	Mr. Rufus H. Wheeler,	10	32	21	15	42	3	0	2
12	Fall,	Miss Thera Wheeler.	10	20	13	12	27	18	1	1
13	Summer,	Miss Mary L. Flanders,	10	19	9	8	40	0	3	2
	Winter,	Miss Mary L. Flanders,	11	24	6	5	24	2	2	2
14	Summer,	Miss Laura A. Clough,	8	20	23	18	15	0	0	1
	Winter,	Mr. John C. Hammond,	6	40	24	21	12	2	5	1





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